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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

South Phoenix Regional Council

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Council of the – Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on October 21, 2008 4:30pm at The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Offices located at 4341 E. Broadway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85040.

Members Present:

Cindy Segotta-Jones, James Washington, Moises Gallegos, Dr. Robert Donofrio, Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, Dr. Rosalind Polston, Christopher Canelake, Dr. Patricia Merk, Dr. William Ellert.

Absent:

Socorro Martinez.

Chairman Donofrio welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:35p.m.

Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Council Member Cindy Segotta-Jones to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Council Member Moises Gallegos-Second. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

Chairman Donofrio made a call to the public. Bruce Liggett of Arizona Childcare Association spoke about his work and who he represents. He spoke about how funding can be used to sustain quality. Angelica Rodriguez of Child and Family Resources Incorporated spoke of her work and who she represents. She spoke about how funding can be used.

Council Members Update

Chairman Donofrio made a call for updates of the South Phoenix Regional Council. Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales attended the African American Clergy Coalition and is going to meet one on one with a few pastors. Chairman Donofrio attended the Statewide Chair/Vice Chair meeting and is going to get together with the Maricopa Chairs/Vice Chairs in October to meet and discuss the collaboration of cross-regional strategies in the interest of maximizing dollars, collaborative contracts and promoting good stewardship of tax dollars.

Presentation /Discussion of Project Launch/Tapestry SAMHSA Grant

Council member Dr. Patricia Merk spoke about a Federal RFP that came in May 2008 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Agency at the Governor's Office, in reference to the Legacy Project. This RFP speaks to the parent piece or family piece of that effort. One of six states selected on those that wrote the Proposal and were awarded \$4.8 million over 5 years. To help in many areas, one is to look at all health and mental health in many stages prenatal to age eight to help improve the wellness of the children and their families across all domains.

Prioritize Strategies, Strategy Development, Set Preliminary Funding Allocations

Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales drafted a matrix based on the prioritized goals and prioritized strategies the council has been discussing over the past 2 months. This information was emailed to the council previous to the meeting for consideration. Lengthy discussion occurred regarding council priorities, potential strategies to meet those priorities & costs for each. Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales will flesh out cost per strategy information prior to the next Council Meeting. Council members Dr. Eva Marie Shivers and Dr. Patricia Merk will work with Jonathon on this plan to clarify the strategies the council has come up with. Jonathon Gonzales will put this information into a drafted funding plan for review and consideration by the council prior to next meeting. No motions made.

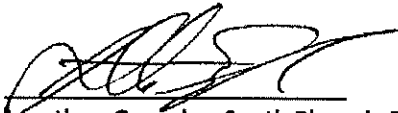
Establish/discuss future agenda items

The next meeting will be held November 18, 2008 at 4:30p.m at The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Offices located at 4341 E. Broadway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85040.

Adjournment

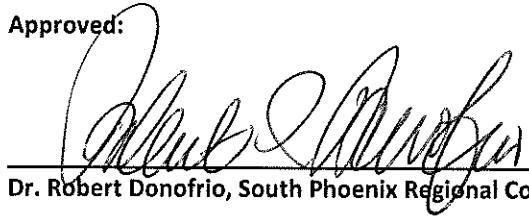
There being no further business, South Phoenix, Chairman Donofrio adjourned the South Phoenix, Regional Council Meeting at 7:00p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Jonathon Gonzales, South Phoenix Regional Council Coordinator

Approved:



Dr. Robert Donofrio, South Phoenix Regional Council Chair